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MEET

EXCALIBUR



United to preserve the dream of Professor Charles Xavier, they have sought to extend the message of the X-Men beyond the shores of America. Operating out of their headquarters on Muir Island in Scotland, they've sworn to defend mutantkind from a world that both hates and fears them, for they are... EXCALIBURI!



SHADOWCAT

American-born Kitty Pryde has the mutant ability to turn her body intangible and walk on air with but a thought. Trained in the ways of the Samurai and the ninja, Shadowcat's physical prowess is balanced by her brilliant mind and her formal X-Men training.



COLOSSUS

The Russian mutant born Piotr Rasputin is the powerhouse of Excalibur. His artistic heart is masked by his cold, hard exterior, as Colossus has the ability to transform his flesh and blood into a form of impervious organic steel!



WOLFSBANE

Rahne Sinclair is the youngest member of Excalibur, but her mutant ability to transform from a shy young woman to a human/wolf hybrid and to a complete wolf makes her a force to be reckoned with!



MEGGAN

Linked to the elemental forces of Great Britain as a faerie, the enigmatic but naive Meggan has the ability to change her physical form at will, as well as the power to shape the very forces of nature to fit her needs.



PETE WISDOM

A former intelligence operative with the mutant ability to generate "hot knives". Boyfriend to Kitty Pryde, he remains a reluctant member of Excalibur.



MOIRA MacTAGGERT

Head of the Mutant Research Center on Muir Island, Moira has recently devoted her research to finding a cure for the mutant-killing Legacy Virus. As if this wasn't enough for her to deal with, Moira also bears the burden of being the first human to contract the deadly disease.



DOUGLOCK

Although his body is comprised of Phalanx physiology, Douglock is not a member of that alien race. Though his resemblance to the deceased Douglas Ramsey is not a coincidence, Douglock's quest for humanity and the truth about who he is continues to elude him.



LOCKHEED

An alien "dragon" that was adopted by KITTY PRIDE back when she was a member of the X-MEN. He is not only her pet but a friend and confidant. He is usually good natured but breathes fire when agitated.



SARI ST. HUBBINS

Recently released from a government lock-up, SARI is seeking vengeance against PETE WISDOM for turning her in years ago for crimes committed when they were romantically involved.



PREVIOUSLY
IN...

EXCALIBUR



CLOSSUS and MEGGAN's plane crash-landed in the Swiss Alps. Awakening with only minor injuries they eventually came across the MAGICAL MOUNTAIN of WUNDAGORE.



SIR RAM, a Knight of Wundagore, recognized Colossus as an Acolyte of Magneto. After a fierce battle, Colossus proved he was no longer an Acolyte and would stand beside the Knights of Wundagore against EXODUS. However, the HIGH EVOLUTIONARY decided to send Meggan and Colossus to Paris instead.



Meanwhile, SARI ST. HUBBINS paid a visit to her ex, PETE WISDOM. She lured him to Germany and is torturing him as payback for his past transgressions against her.

Stan Lee
EXCALIBUR

For The One I Love

KITTY PRIDE IS
LYING STRONGER
TO COMMITMENT.

A MEMBER OF THE
X-MEN'S EXTENDED
FAMILY, AND A
FOUNDER OF
THEIR EUROPEAN
COUNTERPART --

EXCALIBUR...

... SHE IS ENTRUSTED
WITH RESPONSIBILITIES
MOST KIDS HER AGE
WOULD KNOW TILL THEY
HAVE THEIR OWN
FAMILIES, IF EVER.

WHILE HER PEERS WILL
LIKELY GRADUATE
COLLEGE, MARRY THEIR
SWEETHEARTS, AND
RAISE THE REQUISITE
2.2 CHILDREN...

LOOOCKHEEED!

DARN
IT, DRAGON --
WHERE ARE
YOU?

... KITTY WILL LIKELY
BE CHAMPIONING THE
CAUSE OF MUTANTS
EVERYWHERE, FIGHTING
TO PROTECT A PLANET
THAT HATES AND
FEARS THEM...

... SIDE-BY-SIDE
WITH THE PEOPLE
WHOSE LIVES SHE
HOLDS DEARER
THAN HER OWN.

BEN
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story

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WOODS
panels

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KOBUSH
inks

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COMICRAFT'S
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letters

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HARRAS
chief



CASE IN POINT, HER
BEST FRIEND IN
THE ENTIRE WORLD.

THE FRIEND THAT'S
MYSTERIOUSLY
GONE MISSING...

I'VE
SEARCHED
THE DORMITORY
THE LABS -- EVEN THE
KITCHEN FRIDGE --
AND STILL NO SIGN
OF THE LITTLE
BUGGER.

...PERHAPS DOWN HERE, IN THE
CAVERNOUS TUNNELS OF THE MUIR
ISLAND GENETIC RESEARCH CENTER.



BURN MARKS.
LOCKHEED MUST
HAVE DONE
THIS.
BUT
WHY?



THERE'S NO DISCERNIBLE
PATTERN. THE BLASTS ARE
SO RANDOM -- ALMOST
AS IF HE WAS STRAFING
ON ALL SIDES!

WEIRD.



KLICK

Huh?



ARE YOU KIDDING?
SOME WONDER OF
"ALIEN TECHNOLOGY"
THIS IS!

HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGERS
IN THE DANGER ROOM.
UNIVERSE HOPPING
STARGATES.

EVEN
PARTS OF
OUR MUTANT-
DETECTOR
CEREBRO --
ALL BENEFITS
OF SHIVAR
SCIENCE.

BUT WHEN
IT COMES TO
COMMON
FLASHLIGHT
BATTERIES--

BUCKS!

PERHAPS I
CAN BE OF
SERVICE..?



AWWEEEE!





YOUR PET MEANS A LOT TO YOU, HUH? MORE THAN ALMOST ANYONE...P

LOCKHEED'S NOT A "PET". DOUGLOCK OUR RELATIONSHIP IS SO MUCH MORE THAN THAT.

HE'S A CONFIDANT WHEN I'VE GOT A SECRET TO HIDE. A PARTNER-IN-CRIME WHEN I'M FEELING MISCHIEVOUS...

...AND A SHOULDER TO CRY ON WHEN I'M FEELING BLUE.

HE'S MY BEST BUD!

AND THIS IS WHAT YOU HUMANS DO WHEN SOMETHING-- SOMEONE -- YOU CARE DEEPLY ABOUT LEAVES YOU?

YOU GO AFTER THEM...? RIGHT?

UH, YEAH -- OF COURSE. THAT'S WHAT YOU DO FOR THE ONES YOU LOVE.

WOW, DOUG -- YOU'RE REALLY TRYING TO TACKLE SOME SERIOUS HUMAN, EMOTIONAL ISSUES, HUH?

I'M TOTALLY IMPRESSED! I MEAN, I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HUMAN BEHAVIOR AN' ALL --

-- BUT WHY THE SUDDEN INTEREST IN HUMAN EMOTION...P

UNLESSSS...

... YOU LIKE SOMEONE?



WHO IS IT? COME ON! FESS UP!

N-NO ONE!
I WAS M-MERELY TRYING TO CORRELATE YOUR OBSSIVE BEHAVIOR WITH YOUR FEELINGS FOR YOUR GIRLFRIEND --!

I--I--I MEAN YOUR "BEST" FRIEND!

DUDE, YOU ARE
SOOOOOOOO
BUSTED!

YOU'VE
GOT A CRUSH ON
SOMEONE!

AND IF
MY WOMEN'S
INTUITION SERVES
ME AS WELL AS IT
HAS ALL THESE
YEARS --

-- I
BET I KNOW
WHO IT IS!

AND IF I
DO HAVE A
"CRUSH"...

IS -- IS IT A
BAD THING?

NOT AT ALL! AS A MATTER
OF FACT, I'LL BET SHE FEELS
THE SAME WAY ABOUT
YOU.

EVEN
IF SHE HASN'T
ADMITTED IT TO
HERSELF...
YET.

REALLY? YOU
THINK SO?
BUT WHY --?

IT'S A
GIRL THING --
YOU WOULDN'T
UNDERSTAND.
JUST ROLL WITH IT.

HMNN...

HERE!
GOTTA
RUN!

HEY!
WHERE YA
GOIN'?

I'VE GOT
A PLACE TO
CATCH -- TO
NEW YORK!

SEND MY
LOVE TO RAHNE...
AND THE REST OF
THE OL' GANG!®

DOUG'S
SHEET.

SURE
WISH THAT
OL' GIT I CALL
MY "BOYFRIEND"
WOULD RUSH
HOME TO SEE
ME AGAIN!

BETTER
KEEP WISHIN',
GIRL, YOU'RE NO
CINDERELLA --

-- AND OL'
PETE WISDOM
SURE AS SOD'S
NO PRINCE
CHARMING!

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PORNSTARS REUNION,
CHECK OUT THE NEW
LIMITED
SERIES OF M&A NOW
KELLY

"OURS ISN'T A 'STORY-BOOK ROMANCE', BUT YOU'D THINK HE'D BE MISSING ME ENOUGH TO AT LEAST CALL FROM GERMANY... RIGHT?"

"BUT WHAT IF HE DOESN'T? OR WORSE --"

"--- WHAT IF THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE IN HIS LIFE?"

"NAAAAH... HE WOULDN'T."

"WOULD HE...?"

"WHAT... THE DEUCE... IS GOIN' ON HERE, SE. HUBBINS? I CAN'T BELIEVE YER... MIXED UP WITH... 'BLACK ART'!"

"WHEN WE WERE TOGETHER... YOU HATED THOSE PRATS!"

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BRITISH INTELLIGENCE
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"CONJECT" COGNAC

"AYE PETER DARLING, BUT I HATE YOU MORE."



"AN' SEEN' AS HOW THEY'RE GIVIN' ME ALL THE GEAR I NEED TO GET ME REVENGE ON YA --"

-- LIKE THAT NEURAL INHIBITOR ON YER NECK --

-- I'M LETTIN' BYGONES BE BYGONES. AN' GETTIN' ON WITH IT!"



"MMMM... SEEN' YA SOUND LIKE THAT SURE BRINGS BACK MEM'RIES!"

"GET'CHER PAWS OFF ME!"



"WHY, PETER -- I THOUGHT YA LIKED BEING TIED UP!"

NOT ASHAMED O'OUR 'SORDID PAST' NOW THAT WERE WITH A PIMPLE-FACED COLONIST... ARE WEF



PUSHIN' THE WRONG BUTTONS, SARI. AS ALWAYS.

OH, I SEE. THE POOR GIRL.

AIN'T GOT NO IDEA WHAT KIND O' TWO-FACED BUGGER SHE'S WITH.

THEN AGAIN, SHE'S GOT NO CLUE WHAT SHE'S ABOUT TO LOSE EITHER.

CUT TO THE CHASE, GIRL. IDLE THREATS DON'T SCARE ME --



I DON'T MAKE IDLE THREATS!

YA WANNA KNOW THE TRUTH? FINE, I'LL TELL YA!

SUICIDE BOMBER TOOK OUT THE RUSSKIE AND THE ELF GIRL. •



THE FUZZY BLUE FREAK'S ON THE WAY TO MEET HIS MAKER LORD ONLY KNOWS WHERE.

I HEAR THEY'E EVEN COOKED UP SOMETHING NASTY F'R YER PRECOCIOUS LI'L KITTY-CAT!

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IT'S KARMIC PAYBACK TIME, WISDOM! ALL YER PAST BETRAYALS ARE CATCHIN' UP T'YA!

F'R SELLIN' ME DOWN THE RIVER ALL THOSE YEARS AGO...? I GET THE PRIVILEGE O' KILLIN' YA MESELF.

F'R RESIGNIN' YER POST AS AN INTELLIGENCE AGENT, AND WHAT YOU AND YER YANK TART DID AT DREAM NAILS --



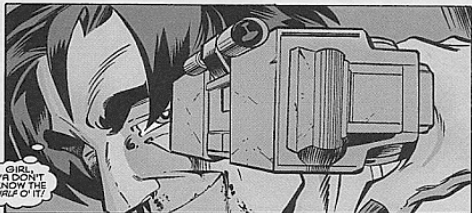
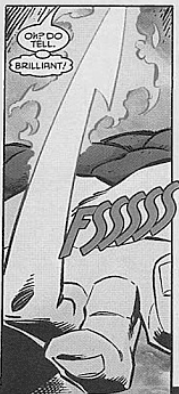
-- BLACK AIR'S DOIN' ALL YER MATES IN EXCALIBUR.

FUNNY HOW THE MORE THINGS CHANGE... THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME, SARI.

YER STILL AS DELUSIONAL AS EVER!



ATTABOY, WISDOM -- GET HER ALL RILED UP. SHE'S BOUND TO MAKE A MISTAKE SOON ENOUGH, AND WHEN SHE DOES...



MEANWHILE, BACK ON MUIR ISLAND...

...A LONE
TRAWLER BRAVES
AN UNSEASONABLY
HARSH STORM...

...FERRYING A UNIQUE PAIR
OF PASSENGERS TO THIS
TINY LAND MASS OFF
SCOTLAND'S INHOSPITABLE
NORTHERN COAST.

CRUISEY,
BUT IT'S
WONDERFUL
TO BE BACK,
ISN'T IT,
PIOTR?

OH,
MEGGAN,
ESPECIALLY
AFTER ALL THAT
CRAZINESS IN
PARIS!®

YOU
KNOW, THOUGH
I HAVE ONLY BEEN
HERE A SHORT
TIME --

-- I AM
VERY MUCH
GETTING USED TO
CALLING THIS
"HOME."

©YOU DON'T MISS
THE COURTESY ONE-
SHOT LAST MONTH,
DID YOU? -- WELLS

IN MANY WAYS IT REMINDS ME
OF MY NATIVE SIBERIA, AND
EXCALIBUR -- MUCH LIKE
THE X-MEN ONCE
WERE --

-- IS AS
MUCH A FAMILY TO
ME NOW AS MINE
EVER WAS.

I JUST
HOPE THE REST
OF THE "FAMILY"
MADE IT HOME SAFELY,
AND THAT BLACK AIR
DIDN'T GET THEM
LIKE THEY ALMOST
GOT US!

AMEN TO THAT,
TOVARISCH!

WELL, ALL SEEMS
QUIET ENOUGH
HERE --

HOLD THE
BOOCART!

YOU WERE
SAYING...?





BEGORRAH, CAPTAIN! THERE'S A MAN HOLDING ONTAE THE BOAT!

LEMME GUESS -- A BIG STEELY MAN...P
AYE...P

AYE, SIR!

OCH, NAE AGAIN. JUST CUT THE ENGINES AN' WAIT 'TIL HE LETS GO.

BLEEDIN' SUPER HEROES.

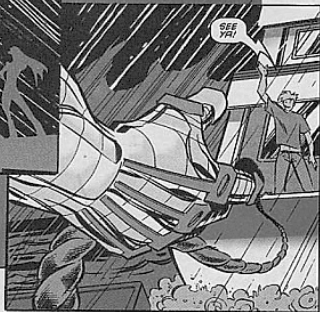
I HAVE DETAINED THE BOAT AS YOU ASKED -- MUCH TO THE CAPTAIN'S CHAGRIN, NO DOUBT. NOW WHERE EXACTLY ARE YOU SO DESPERATE TO GO?



WELL, UM... ER... TO BE... UM... PERFECTLY HONEST...P I'D RATHER NOT SAY.



IT'S KINDA PERSONAL.



SEE YA!



WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT WAS ALL ABOUT, MEG?

NOT SURE -- BUT THE EMPHATIC RESONANCES I SENSED EMANATING FROM DOUGLOCK WERE UNUSUALLY STRONG.

SOMETHING VERY POWERFUL IS GOING ON INSIDE HIM.
SOMETHING FOR WHICH I FEAR HE MAY NOT YET BE PREPARED...



YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO THE POOR BOY.

I KNOW, AND I PRAY THAT I'M WRONG.
ANYWAY... I'M OFF!



NOW WHERE ARE YOU FLYING AWAY TO, MY ELFIN COMRADE?

TO THE HANGAR...



"... TO SEE SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL TO ME..."

PIOTR WAS SO NERVOUS TO DO THIS FOR ME WHEN I ASKED HIM, WHAT WAS IT HE SAID... ?

"AFTER ALL I'VE BEEN THROUGH, I AM NOT SURE THE HEART OF AN ARTIST STILL BEATS WITHIN THIS ARMORED CHEST."

Oh, WHAT A BIG SILLY HE IS!



SEWHERE, IN THE LABS OF
WORLD RENOWNED GENETICIST,
DR. MOIRA MACTRAGERT...

...A LAB THAT HAS, FOR FAR
TOO LONG, SEEN THE GOOD
DOCTOR BELEAGUERED BY
THE PUZZLING VIRAL PROBLEM
POSED BY THE SEEMINGLY
INCURABLE LEGACY VIRUS.

A PUZZLE THAT SHE --
THE SOLE NON-MUTANT
AFFLICTED BY THIS FATAL,
MUTANT-SPECIFIC DISEASE --
IS DETERMINED TO SOLVE...

GAPA!

...EVEN IF IT MEANS
CUTTING HERSELF OFF
FROM THE PEOPLE SHE
LOVES MOST.

SHE PRAYS NO ONE WILL
BEGRUDGE HER THESE
FEW RESTFUL MOMENTS.

ALAS, SHE PRAYS --
AND SLEEPS -- IN VAIN.

YOU'VE
GOT MAIL!

RECOMBINANT
DNA SEQUENCES --!
Huh -- P WHAT -- P

HMMMN...?

THIS
E-MAIL'S NAE F'R
ME. IT'S F'R KITTY
PRIDE.

BUT THIS ISDN LINE IS
PASSWORD-PROTECTED!
WHO COULD'VE BYPASSED
MUH SECURITY SYSTEM
AND HACKED INTO
IT?

Oh...
...THEM.

2ND AS MOIRA
FUMBLES FOR THE
COMM SYSTEM ABOVE...

...BELOW, KITTY'S
SEARCH FOR HER
LITTLE LOST
DRAGON CONTINUES
WITHOUT INCIDENT.

UNTIL...

GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE

SUB. VE

LOCKHEED?!

IZZAT
YOU, LI'L
GUY?

COULDA
SWORN I HEARD
SOMETHING BEHIND
ME. SOUNDED LIKE...
A "GIGGLE."

GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE

THERE IT IS
AGAIN, BUT
NOW IT'S ON
THE OTHER
SIDE!

QUIT
MESSIN'
AROUND AND
COME OUT HERE
ALREADY,
WILLYAP

DOOH! WHEN I
GET MY HANDS ON
THAT NAUGHTY
DRAGON...

C'MON,
SWEETIE, I
PROMISE NOT TO
PUNISH YOU FOR
HIDING FROM
ME ALL THESE
WEEKS.

HONEST!

THERE IT IS -- BEHIND
ME AGAIN! AND NOW
IT'S GETTING
LOUDER.

GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE

AND WHY
DOES IT SOUND
LIKE THERE'S AN
ECHO?

LIKE
THERE'S
SOMETHING
ELSE DOWN
HERE!



KINDA
REMINDS ME
OF THE NIGHT I
GOT CHASED ALL
OVER THE X-MANSION,
AND NEARLY GOT
KILLED BY THAT
N'GARI
DEMON!®

ICK! NOW
I'M STARTIN'
TO CREEP
MYSELF
OUT!

MAYBE MY
IMAGINATION --
AND MY EARS -- ARE
JUST PLAYING
TRICKS ON
ME.

BUT IF
LOCKHEED'S
NOT DOWN HERE --
THEN WHERE IN
THE WORLD
IS HE?

© WHO CAN FORGET
THIS CLASH! COM 1437
WE SURE CAN!



KITTY --
I THINK YE'D
BETTER GET UP
HERE, LASS. IT'S
IMPORTANT!

IN A
MINUTE, MOIRA. I
STILL HAVEN'T
FOUND --

VERY
IMPORTANT! WE'RE
TALKING NATIONAL
SECURITY CRISIS
HERE!

Oh... I
SEE. I'LL
PHASE
RIGHT
UP.



AWK... DON'T PRETTY-
KITTY LOVE YA NO
MORE...? NOPE!

YER
OURS NOW!
COME ALONG
QUIETLY AND
YA WON'T GET
HURT.

MUCH.



ROAR!

FASHOW

YOU
CAN RUN,
DRAGON -- BUT
YA CAN NEVER
HIDE FROM
ALL O' US!

HEAR
THAT,
PUNK?

NEVER!

HEY!



"I REMEMBER A COUPLE WITH A HOPEFUL FUTURE TOGETHER. A COUPLE SO VERY MUCH IN LOVE."

"I REMEMBER A YOUNG MAN FULL OF PROMISE -- THE PRIDE OF MI-6 -- ASCENDING THE RANKS O' THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY LIKE A SPITFIRE!"

"HE PROMISED HER HIS WORK WOULD NEVER GET IN THE WAY O' THEIR HAPPINESS. SWORE UP AND DOWN, HE DID."

"LIKE A BLOODY FOOL -- SHE BOUGHT IT. HOOK, LINE, AN' SINKER."

"COS WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMED WINE AND ROSES, THAT SAME UPSTANDING MAN SHE TRUSTED --

"... SHE LOVED --

"-- TURNED ON HER, AND HANDED HER OVER TO HIS BOSSSES LIKE AN OBEDIENT LITTLE LAPDOG! AND FOR WHAT --?"



MIND THE
STREET SIGNS,
DUCKY —

-- YA
MIGHT MISS
THE NEXT EXIT
BACK T' THE
NUTHOUSE!

KRAK

YER FREE --

CHNFF??

AS THE
PROVERBIAL
BIRD.

SO MUCH
FOR YOUR NEURAL
INHIBITOR.

BIT O' ADVICE
FROM ONE AGENT
T' THE NEXT... I NEVER
TRY T' WOW THE KID
WHO'S MET THE "MAN
BEHIND THE CURTAIN."

LVL
BUGGER'LL
RUIN YER SHOW
EVERY TIME.

'SPECIALLY
WHEN IT COMES
TO THAT "DOGS
AND PONY" ACT,
BLACK AIR.

OLDEST
TRICKS IN THE
BOOK 'RE THEIR
STOCK IN TRADE.
AND WHEN IT
COMES TO THIS
"KID"... I

BEEN
THERE DONE
THAT.

SHOW'S
OVER!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

DON'T NEED
NO GEAR T'PUT
YOU DOWN, PETE
"WITLESS!"
OR, HAVE
YA FORGOTTEN
I WAS THE BEST THERE
IS AT WHAT I DO BEFORE
YOU THREW ME AWAY
LIKE SOME BROKEN
TOY?

-- SO
AM I!

GONNA
JOKE YERSELF
INTO AN EARLY
GRAVE IF YA DON'T
STAY A STEP AHEAD
O' THOSE SMM'S,
MATE!

SHE'S
A SHARPER
SHOT THAN EVER!
BUT THEN
AGAIN --

SHAZOW
SHAZOW
SHAZOW

EAT
HOT KNIVES,
YA CRAZY OL'
BAT!

"BEST
THERE IS...
HEY, AIN'T THAT
TRADEMARK
INFRINGEMENT
OR SOME-
THIN'?"

SHABLAM

ME
PIECE!
STAB
YER EYES,
WISDOM! AND
YER BLOODY
MUTIE
POWER!







-- BUT
I WON'T.
I WANT
YA BACK IN
LONDON, KEEPIN'
YER BOSSIES AWAY
FROM ME
MATES.

'CUZ IF
ANY O' THEM GO
DOWN --

-- BLACK
AIR'LL BE
NEXT!



OUCH!

ONE
LAST THING...
I KNOW I HURT
YA ALL THOSE
YEARS AGO,
KID.

BUT
I DID IT F'R
THE GIRL I
LOVED.
AND I'M
SORRY.



BUT
NOT THAT
SORRY.

NEXT ISSUE:

A NEW BATTLE BEGINS
IN MDIRA MACHTABBERT'S
PRIVATE WAR AGAINST THE
LEGACY VIRUS!

WHO WILL
BE ITS NEXT
CASUALTY?

FIND
OUT
NEXT
MONTH.

WHEN **GEN X'S** VERY OWN

BANSHEE

GUEST STARS!